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## TWO KINDS OF BOLSHEVIST AND THOSE WHO GET HIT

The great middle class, the 100,000,000 we have spoken of before, stands today in the uncertain position midway between the Parlor Bolshevik and the Basement Bolshevik.

The middle class knows from the ominous sounds coming from both directions that something is impending.

He does not know what is going to happen, but he knows that whatever happens is going to happen to him.

He stands mute with expectancy, but afraid to look in either direction for fear something will happen to him from the opposite direction.

He has made up his mind that he is not going to escape; that it is not intended that he shall escape. He is only hoping that he will not be hit from both directions at the same time.

He doesn't know whether the Parlor Bolsheviks are going to pull the house down on him from above or whether the Basement Bolsheviks are going to blow up the house from below.

The middle class knows only that some are going to escape and that he, for one, is going to get hit.

It may be that his house will be cold because the miners decree it as a part of their program. It may be that his family will be hungry because the profiteer has placed in cold storage the food it needs. It may be both. He is only praying that it will not be both at the same time. But however misfortunes may come he knows that he is in for a cold deal.

Isaac F. Marcossion, writing for the Saturday Evening Post, says the profiteer in Germany may be distinguished from other persons because he has rubber tires on his automobile. Others have steel springs on their wheels. The rubber tires glide along smoothly, securely and with great facility. The steel spring wheels make a jarring noise as they rumble over the cobblestone pavement.

It is not quite so easy in this country to distinguish the Parlor Bolshevik from the Basement Bolshevik. The surface indications are not so pronounced.

We do know that the Parlor Bolshevik is smooth, suave and smug in his complacent satisfaction with himself and with the treatment he receives from the world. He is the pneumatic, rubber tire variety. And we do know that the Basement Bolshevik is noisy, uncouth and dissatisfied with everything as it exists. He is the steel spring, rattling, raucous variety.

As to which is the more dangerous to the country we do not pretend to say. We do mean to say that the danger to the nation is not the resentment of the oppressed alone. There is a lot of danger in the unrestrained oppressor.

After all there is slight difference in the doctrine of the rich Bolshevik and the poor Bolshevik. The Basement Bolshevik would take possession of the wealth that he had no part in saving. The Parlor Bolshevik would take possession of the labor that belongs to other men.

The Basement Bolshevik would destroy the government because he opposes restraint of any kind and governments of all kinds.

The Parlor Bolshevik would destroy the government because it would regulate the price of the commodity that he has cornered. The one would take the wares of other men without pay, and the other would sell his wares to other men for more than they are worth.

There is no limit to the excesses to which either would go if unhampered by government regulation. Regulation to one is as galling as it is to the other.

**NEED FOR WATER POWER**

It is not difficult to impress the people with the importance of the development of water power by private capital under the supervision and regulation of the state and federal government at a time when coal shortage threatens the continued operation of even the essential industries.

The necessity for legislation of this character is apparent to everyone familiar with conditions in localities where hydro-electric current furnishes the motive power.

The difficulty is in maintaining the interest of the people on this subject when conditions are normal and the supply of coal is plentiful.

During two winters the shortage of coal has seriously interfered with the operation of normal business. There is no guarantee that the same condition will not continue to arise from year to year and grow worse as time goes by.

This is a good time to agitate the question of developing water power in the navigable streams. Year after year millions of horse power go to waste while the available coal supply grows smaller, and the differences between the coal miner and the coal operator become more pronounced.

As an economic necessity under any condition the development of the water power on navigable streams is a pressing necessity. It is apparent that the price of coal will not be less than it is now, and there is no telling how much higher it will be.

A law providing for the development of water power under proper safeguards would have a good effect in bringing the miners and operators to a realization that they have entirely eliminated the public from consideration in the strife between themselves.

**COLD STORAGE EGGS**

Eggs are retailing in Memphis around 80 cents a dozen. These are eggs that were bought up last spring and summer when they were plentiful and cheaper, and put in cold storage to await the time when consumption would exceed production and they could be sold for almost any price, or at least as high a price as the public can afford. There should be some relation between the price paid for a commodity and the price it is sold for to the consumer.

The Rev. C. H. Williamson has completed ten years of service as pastor of the First Presbyterian church. He has been a splendid influence for righteousness and a power for good in this community. The wish of his many friends is that he shall have many years more of usefulness in his present field.

The early closing order helps more ways than one. It gives a lot of people an opportunity to wait longer for a street car.

Indications point to the termination of the coal crisis by May or the early part of June at the latest.

## That Lonesome Feeling—By Briggs

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## Ye Editor Nods Jolts and Jest Skipped Past The Blue Pencil

MIX ONE FOR US, PRINCE.

This time it's on us. Our prohibitionist headline caps former achievements by writing this head "Prince of Wales is a Good Mixer."

HOME FOLKS LIKE HIM.

Maybe that's why when the prince appeared at the ring-side of the Carpenter-Beckett fight the "old tops" all began singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

NOT?

Doubt that "Pussyfoot" Johnson was at the ring-side also.

CAN'T MAKE IT TOO.

When the lady in the delectable gown was reported as asking the veteran editor if he liked "V" words in copy-

times and he replied that he did, providing the "V" was "Lower Case," the

for editor said "Can't make it too low for me."

"R" MAKES IT \$20.

The editorial writer waxed poetic. He used the word "Quatrain." The proof

reader (noble boy) ran to the dictionary to see if it should not be spelled

"qua" (tr) "ner."

No, Mr. Proofreader, there is no such thing as "qua" (tr) "ner." At least not

linguistically.

However, bibulosity, many a quart-

trains has been made up lately, but it

costs \$20 a quart.

CAPITAL LIGHT GUARDS

TO BE REORGANIZED

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 6. (Sp.)—

Capt. R. A. Westbrook and Capt. Sam

Carroll, two of the ablest officers fur-

nished by Jackson during the war with

Germany, have undertaken the reor-

ganization of Company F, First Missis-

sippi Infantry, better known as the Cap-

ital Light Guards, one of the oldest

military organizations in the state.

A recruiting office will be opened

next Monday, and the organizers ex-

pect to muster the company's quota by

Christmas. Already about a num-

ber of boys who served with Company F

in France have indicated their willing-

ness to join.

NEW FARM AGENT IS

SELECTED BY YAZOO

YAZOO CITY, Miss., Dec. 6. (Sp.)—

Yazoo county board of supervisors

have selected J. S. McKewen, of

Winona, Montgomery county, Miss., to

be the new farm agent for Yazoo county.

The selection is made following the resig-

nation of Mr. Ritchie, who has been

working here to avert a more remunera-

tion position in Ashley county, Ark.

The new agent is to take charge of the

work in this county on Jan. 1.

## ELKS WILL HONOR ABSENT BROTHERS

Program Announced for Annual Lodge of Sorrow To Be Held Sunday.

More than a million Elks will gather

Sunday afternoon throughout the United

States to hold the annual Lodge of

Sorrow.

The Memphis lodge will hold services

at the Lyric theater, starting at 2

o'clock. The doors will be opened at

2:15 o'clock for 45 minutes, when they

will be closed and no one admitted

while the Lodge of Sorrow is in pro-

gress. The public is invited to attend

the impressive ceremony.

The memorial committee is composed

of E. J. Thomas, chairman; C. W. Miller

and John L. Davis.

The memorial address will be deliv-

ered by J. D. Senter, of Humboldt,

Tenn. Lieut. Col. William J. Bacon

will eulogize the "absent brothers" who

have passed to their reward since the

last session of the Lodge of Sorrow,

which is held on the first Sunday in

each December.

A double quartet, composed of Miss

Lillian Cuny, Miss Cleo Duesee, Mrs.

J. A. Scott, Mrs. O. H. Mueller, Edw.

O. Heinz, Helen Moss, Richard Martin

and John Kinzie, will render the vocal

music.

The program follows:

Prelude—Melodie. Primi

Prof. W. W. Saxby's Orchestra.

Opening Ceremonies.

When Thou Comest—G. Rossini

Lillian Cuny and Double

Quartet.

Opening Ode.

Elegy—The Souls of the Righteous.

Miss O. H. Mueller and Double

Quartet.

Eulogy.

Brother Col. Wm. J. Bacon.

Crossing the Bar—P. A. Schaecker

Double Quartet.

Memorial Address.

Face to Face—Herbert Johnson

Miss Lillian Cuny.

Closing Ceremonies.

Lodge and Officers.

Holy, Holy, Holy—Gounod

Hahn, Miss and Double Quartet.

Benediction.

Brother Rev. W. D. Buckner.

Recessional March—Verdi.

## BILBO TO BE BATTERED BY PARDON PETITIONS

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 6. (Sp.)—

Governor Bilbo's term nears an end

and the executive office is being deluged

with appeals for clemency, and when

the present state board of pardons holds

its final session on the first Monday

in January fully 200 petitions will be

pending for consideration.

As Governor Bilbo does not go out

of office until the middle of January,

he will have one more opportunity to

give approval to the work of the state

board of pardons, and it remains to be

seen whether he will show the same

leniency that has been manifested by

his predecessors who, for the past 20

years, have issued pardons in whole-

sale lots just before retiring from office.

It is not yet known whether Gov-

ernor-elect Russell will make any

changes in the personnel of the state

board of pardons, but it is safe to as-

sume that he will do so, as he has a

large number of friends who are eager

to share in the honors as well as the

spoils of office.

The pardoning board was created

upon the personal request of Gov. Bilbo,

who frankly stated that he desired a

body to which he could "pass the buck"

on this function of the office,

that he did not care to sit around Jack-

son listening to appeals for clemency,

and since the board has been function-

ing he has had plenty of leisure time

for traveling about over the country.

One amendment proposed is that the

commissioners shall be elected by the

people, instead of by appointment, and

the suggestion seems to be meeting with

much favor.

MISSISSIPPI HAS NEW

GOVERNOR FOR WHILE

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 6. (Sp.)—

Dr. Carroll Kendrick, of Alcorn county,

is now acting governor of Mississippi,

and will hold down the gubernatorial job

for a period of about 10 days.

Governor Bilbo and Lieut. Gov. Lee

M. Russell, accompanied by Adj. Gen.

Scates, left this afternoon for Wash-

ington, via Memphis and Cincinnati.

The two first named will attend the

National Congress, which meets in

Washington on Monday, and the latter

will be in charge of the reorganization

of the national guard.

Acting Governor Kendrick took pos-

session of the executive office shortly

after the noon hour. He holds the of-

fice by virtue of his position as presi-

dent pro tempore of the senate. Only

routine work is pending for considera-

tion, and it is not likely that any im-

portant matters will be brought before

him during the 10-day period.

## MISSISSIPPI TAX BODY MAKES SUGGESTIONS

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 6. (Sp.)—

The biennial report of the Mississippi

tax commission to the legislature con-

tains a number of suggestions for changes

and revisions in existing statutes cov-

ering the work of the body.

Members of the commission realize

that a stiff fight will be made at the

January session to vote the body out

of existence, and are preparing to fight

for their official lives. They frankly

state that the present laws governing

revenue and assessment are, in some

respects, defective, and the recom-

mendations in their biennial report cov-

er ways and means of strengthening these

statutes.

Just how strong will be the fight

waged against the commission is now

a subject of much discussion. A good

number of members of both houses are

pledged to their constituents to sup-

port any bill that may be introduced

to abolish the body. However, it is

not believed that a majority in either

house will be in this frame of mind.

The general opinion is that the plan of

operation will be very radically changed,

but the commission will be continued in

existence.

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HELENA OBSERVES FUEL

SAVING ORDER FRIDAY

HELENA, Ark., Dec. 6. (Sp.)—